

RESOLUTION NO. 81-70

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LODI
SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 215

WHEREAS, the existing seven cents per gallon State Gasoline Tax has been unchanged since 1963; and

WHEREAS, this seven cents per gallon tax in today's dollar is only worth 1-1/2 cents in purchasing power; and

WHEREAS, only seven states, including California, have not increased their gasoline tax since 1963; and

WHEREAS, the last comprehensive needs study for local streets and roads in 1978 indicated that a 63 percent revenue increase was needed to meet the revenue shortfall; and

WHEREAS, the existing motor vehicle account fees nowhere near paying their own way, and SB 215 would make those areas self-supporting; and

WHEREAS, without the additional funds to maintain our existing roads, there will be a definite impact upon the transportation of agricultural products in Lodi and all of the cities of the San Joaquin Valley; and

WHEREAS, without the passage of Senate Bill 215, or a like bill, the City of Lodi and the other cities and counties within California, will be unable to protect the investment which they have in their existing street system; and

WHEREAS, California cities and counties have been required to supplement gas tax revenues with substantial amounts of rapidly diminishing local funds in order to provide a reasonable level of maintenance and improvement to streets and highways; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Lodi understand the 2 cents per gallon increase in Senate Bill 215 will financially affect our citizens, however, we feel strongly that it is needed and must be considered now.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Lodi does support the current Senate Bill 215 recognizing, however, that it represents only a partial solution to California's total transportation funding needs.

Dated:

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 81-70 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held June 17, 1981 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen - Hughes, Katnich, and McCarty

Noes: Councilmen - None

Absent: Councilmen - Murphy and Pinkerton


ALICE M. REIMCHE
City Clerk